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REMARKS

Upon a review of the application in preparation for payment of the issue fee, a typographical error was noted in claim 2. In particular, the last two amendments submitted a Listing of Claims where the inequality sign in claim 2, was '<', i.e., less than. All amendment prior to the last two amendments included the correct notation of '>', i.e., greater than, which was never amended. The present Listing of Claims corrects the typographical error in claim 2 to include the correct notation of '>', i.e., greater than. This change does not affect allowability of the present application since claim 2 is dependent on allowed independent claim 1. Further, a typographical error in claims 6 and 8 were corrected to change their dependence from claim 1 to claims 5 and 7, respectively. In claims 1, 2 and 13, "cm.s" was changed to --(cm)(seconds)--, as amended by the Supplemental Amendment mailed on February 10, 2003.

Further, the present Listing of Claims incorporates changes made by first and second Amendments, in reply to the Office Actions of September 5, 2002, and January 4, 2003, respectively, where

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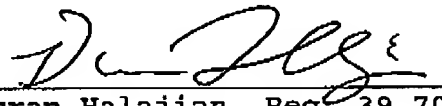
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'characterized in that' was replaced by -wherein--, and reference numerals were deleted. In addition, by means of the present amendment, a reference numeral was deleted from claim 2.

Entry of this amendment is requested because it merely corrects a typographical error. The above amendments also will not require a substantial amount of additional work by the Patent and Trademark Office. The above amendments were not made earlier because the typographical error was only discovered upon a review of the application in preparation for payment of the issue fee. The above amendments will not require a substantial amount of additional work by the Patent and Trademark Office.

Please charge the cost of any fees in connection with the above amendment to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

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